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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:

TETSUYA YANO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/430,029

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE
GENE, RECOMBINANT
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED
MICROORGANISM, METHOD
FOR DEGRADING
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS,
AND METHOD FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDIATION

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky

Group Art Unit: 1652

Date: December 13, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants' petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for
response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 for one month from November 13,
2002 to December 13, 2002.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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